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This preliminary amendment is filed along with the filing of a nonprovisional patent application transmittal form. This patent application claims the benefit of the earlier filing date of prior filed co-pending provisional application serial number 60/170,608 filed on December 14, 1999 under 37 CFR 1,78(a)(4).

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

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